

# Boys ready to start basketball

## First game next week in Oakley

The Decatur Community High boys basketball squad will have just three returning lettermen when they face the Plainsmen in the first game of the season at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in Oakley.

Oberlin fans should have had a chance to see the squad at work on Tuesday at the annual Food Scrimmage, which was to start at 6:30 p.m.

With only three returning lettermen, Coach Dick Ahlberg said, he'll be depending on the skills of last year's junior varsity squad.

Returning starters are seniors Andy Inman, Teryn Grafel and Jesse Juenemann.

Inman, a 6-foot, 2-inch forward guard, averaged 10 points and four rebounds per game last year.

"Andy is a good basketball player," Coach Ahlberg said.

Grafel, a 6-foot forward, averaged 9 points and five rebounds per game.

"Teryn has tremendous quickness," Coach Ahlberg said.

Juenemann, a 5-11 guard, averaged 8 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals per game.

"Jesse is a hard worker and plays with passion," Coach Ahlberg said.

"With no other returning

lettermen, we have several top junior varsity players from last year," Coach Ahlberg said. "We expect them all to contribute."

Chief among the younger players will be Nolan May, a 6-6 junior forward; Ace Manning, a 5-9 sophomore guard; Andy Leitner, a 5-10 junior guard; Kyle Glodt, a 5-10 junior guard; and Jace Robinson, a 5-11 junior guard.

This will be Coach Ahlberg's 19th year as head of the Oberlin boys basketball program. He will be assisted by Keith Grafel, in his 16th year, who will handle the junior varsity and freshman squads.

After opening in Oakley, the Red Devils will play in the annual Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 and 10.

The first home game will be against the St. Francis Indians on Friday, Dec. 16.

The Oberlin Invitational tournament will be on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17, 20 and 21.

The junior varsity and C-team players will get a chance to play in tournaments at Colby in January and in Hill City over the Christmas break.

## -Basketball Schedule-

### Varsity Basketball

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Friday, Dec. 2: Oakley — Away .....                       | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tues., Fri. & Sat., Dec. 6, 9, 10 Brewster Tournament     |           |
| Tuesday, Dec. 13: Hill City — Away .....                  | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday Dec. 16: St. Francis — Home .....                  | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Jan. 3: Norton — Away .....                      | 5 p.m.    |
| Friday, Jan. 6: Atwood — Away .....                       | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Jan. 10: Hoxie — Home .....                      | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Jan. 13: Quinter — Away .....                     | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tues., Fri. & Sat., Jan. 17, 20, 21: Oberlin Invitational |           |
| Friday, Jan. 27: Goodland — Home .....                    | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Jan. 31: Grinnell — Away .....                   | 4 p.m.    |
| Friday, Feb. 3: Colby — Home .....                        | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 7: Norton — Home .....                      | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Feb. 10: Hoxie — Away .....                       | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 14: Atwood — Home .....                     | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 21: Phillipsburg — Away .....               | 6:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 27, March 1-4: Sub-State Basketball .....            | TBA       |
| March 7-11: State Basketball .....                        | TBA       |

### Freshmen C-JV Basketball

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| Friday, Dec. 2: Oakley C & JV — Away .....           | 4:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Dec. 5: Atwood C Team — Home .....           | 6 p.m.    |
| Tuesday, Dec. 13: Hill City — Away .....             | 4:30 p.m. |
| Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 29-31: Hill City 9th Tourney ..... | 1 p.m.    |
| Monday, Jan. 9: Goodland C Team — Away .....         | 5 p.m.    |
| Monday, Jan. 23: St. Francis C Team — Home .....     | 6 p.m.    |
| Friday, Jan. 27: Goodland C & JV — Home .....        | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mon-Fri., Jan. 30, Feb. 2, 3: Colby C & JV .....     | 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, Feb. 9: Atwood — Away .....                | 6 p.m.    |
| Monday, Feb. 20: Norton C Team — Home .....          | 6 p.m.    |
| Tuesday, Feb. 21: P.burg C & JV — Away .....         | 4 p.m.    |

\*Girls games are played before the boys contests.

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# Seventh-grade wins; eighth-grade loses

The Oberlin seventh-grade basketball team won two games last week while the eighth grade lost its only contest.

On Nov. 14, the Decatur Community Junior High seventh graders crossed the border to play St. Patrick's in McCook. Oberlin downed the Nebraska boys 38-15.

"This was the first time for us to ever play McCook St. Pat's," Coach Tim Breth said. "I was pleased with how we started the game. It was good that a lot of players were able to get game experience."

Oberlin hit the home team hard, he said, outscoring them 12-2 in the first quarter and 8-3 in the second to lead 20-5 at the half. In the third quarter, the McCook boys couldn't get it going at all, and Oberlin shut them out 14-0.

In the last quarter, Coach Breth put in his subs and the home team was able to put some points on the board, outscoring Oberlin 10-4.

Scoring for Oberlin were Dakota

Soderland, 18 points; Jacob Larue, 6; Jeb Fortin, 4; and Jacob Helm, Dalton Paul, Nolan Peters, Dalton Dolan and Keithen Fortin, 2 each.

On Thursday, the seventh graders beat Hoxie, 29-12, in Oberlin.

"We continue to put good pressure on the other teams early in the game, which results in easy shots or lay-ups," Coach Breth said. "The only concern was our shot selection.

Oberlin outscored Hoxie 10-1 in the first quarter, 8-2 in the second and 8-3 in the third to lead 18-3 at the half and 26-6 at the end of three.

Again Coach Breth was able to play some of his other boys, and in the fourth quarter Hoxie outscored the young Red Devils 6-3.

Scoring were Soderland, 15 points, seven rebounds; Chad Williams, 8 points, six rebounds; Josh Ritter, 2 points, four rebounds and two steals; J. Fortin, 2 points, two steals; and Larue, 2 points.

The seventh grade has a 4-1 record so far.

The eighth grade, meanwhile, ended the week 1-3 after losing 47-24 to Hoxie.

"We shot poorly and had too many turnovers," Coach Breth said. "We will have to play better to be competitive the rest of the season.

"I am proud that the team is working hard to improve."

Hoxie started out ahead, outscoring Oberlin 11-7 in the first quarter. Each team scored 9 in the second to put Hoxie up 20-16 at the end of the first half. However, the


Indians stepped out in the second half, outscoring the Red Devils 13-4 in the third quarter and 14-4 in the fourth.

Scoring were Toby Peters, 13 points, six rebounds and two steals; Chris Schiessler, 4 points, seven rebounds; Wiley Farr, 4 points, five rebounds and three steals; and Kaden Macfee, 3 points, four rebounds and two steals.

The boys were to play in Atwood on Monday then at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, in Goodland.

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